

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the drawings

Per the request in the Office action, Figs. 8 and 9 are amended to distinguish certain elements shown therein from the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-7.

For example, the corner joint of Fig. 8 is now denoted as "100" and the corner joint of Fig. 9 is denoted as "200". The attachment channels of Fig. 8 are denoted as "109" and "110", and the attachment channels of Fig. 9 are denoted as "209" and "210". Lastly, the free space of Fig. 8 is denoted as "142", and the free space of Fig. 9 is denoted as "242". No changes were made in the specification since these elements are not specifically described therein.

Regarding the "filling compound" described in claim 34, since claim 34 is now canceled, this rejection is considered moot.

Finally, with regard to showing the "wedges in register with a center portion of the second leg" as recited in claims 54 and 55, these claims have been amended by the replacement of "in register" with the expression "in combination." Fig. 1 clearly displays the wedges 17 as securing the pane of glass 16 in combination with the second leg of the insert part. Moreover, the substitute specification describes the function of the wedges on page 10, first paragraph.

In view of the amendments to the drawings, and further in view of these remarks, removal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

2. In the claims

In the amendment to the claims, claims 33, 34, 49 and 50 are canceled thereby rendering the objections, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112 moot.

Claims 36, 39, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 59 are amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 by positively reciting the “corner joint” of the claims as including the frame side members and the corner piece. In addition, these claims are amended by referring to the insert part as working in combination with “respective” channels of the frame members. The claims dependent from claims 36, 39, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 59 are amended in view of the amendment to the claims from which they depend.

As indicated above, claims 54 and 55 are amended by reciting that the “wedges are in combination with a center portion of the second leg.” Support for this amendment is provided in Fig. 1, as mentioned above.

It is submitted that the amendment to claims 36, 39, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 59 places these claims in conformance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

Claims 36, 39, 53-57 and 59-65 are identified in the Office action as reciting allowable subject matter. Therefore in view of the amendment of these claims to cure the indefinite language previously found therein, allowance of these claims is kindly asked for.

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3. Conclusion

In summary, as a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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